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August 9, 1960

FOR: Allen Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

FROM: John A. Calhoun  
Director  
Executive Secretariat

For your information.

Enclosure:

Copy of letter to Secretary Gates  
dated August 4 from Secretary Herter.

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State Department review completed

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Dear Tom:

Thank you for taking the time to give me your views on the Cuban problem as expressed in your letter of July 26, 1960. I am gratified to note that there is no difference in our thinking with regard to our overall objectives in this situation. As a matter of fact we have been working for several months now in readying plans which would permit the implementation of most of the various further steps which you presented as illustrations of the type of actions which might be desirable.

As I indicated in our meeting of June 27 on this general subject, the question of timing is extremely important and just now the forthcoming meeting of Foreign Ministers in San Jose, Costa Rica and the possible support we may get there make desirable at least some additional delay in proceeding with additional economic measures in our national interest.

It occurs to me that you may not have seen a recent study on the Guantanamo Base prepared by the Department's Historical Division. I am enclosing a copy as of possible interest and as an illustration of the type of study and preparation in which we have been engaged for many months in order that we shall have both our order of attack and supporting positions well prepared in anticipation of the necessity of joining the battle on various fronts.

With warmest personal regards,

Most sincerely,

/s/ Chris

Christian A. Herter

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Study on Guantanamo Base.

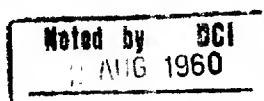
The Honorable  
Thomas S. Gates, Jr.,  
Secretary of Defense.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Tom Gates sent you a copy of his letter to  
Mr. Herter, which you saw the other day. Attached  
is a copy of Mr. Herter's reply.

*Jone*  
FMC  
10 August 60

Noted by DCI  
12 AUG 1960

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*CR* August 12, 1960

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Should this now be filed?

*Yes*  
*Jone*

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